

**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

PRESENT: Supervisors _____ day _____, 2012

ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO.
RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 5, 2012 AS "INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE
MIDWIFE" IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, midwives have assisted and provided labor and delivery support for women and their newborns through the ages; and

WHEREAS, midwives today continue that tradition, providing a nurturing and family-centered birthing option to the thousands of expectant parents who chose a midwife-attended birth; and

WHEREAS, midwives attend approximately four of five births throughout the world, and about one in 10 within the United States; and

WHEREAS, midwives are dedicated to the understanding that each woman and each pregnancy are unique, and to the commitment to provide care and treatment that reflects each woman's unique physical and personal needs; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, the Midwives Alliance of North America, and the California Association of Midwives have noted the impact midwifery care has on improving the infant mortality rate; and

WHEREAS, in California, midwives attend births in hospitals, freestanding birth centers, and client's homes and were granted licensure under the Licensed Midwifery Practice Act of 1993 by the California Medical Board; and

WHEREAS, San Luis Obispo County is home to 40 midwives who have counseled and educated countless mothers and families about the normal physiological process of pregnancy and birth, the importance of quality prenatal care, and the benefits of breastfeeding as a way to promote mother-child bonding, health and happiness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of San Luis Obispo, Board of Supervisors, State of California, does hereby proclaim May 5, 2012 as "International Day of the Midwife" in San Luis Obispo County.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk